

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 were pending in the parent application and made subject to a restriction requirement. By this amendment, applicants have canceled claims 18-31 without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of this amendment claims 1-17, i.e. one set of claims withdrawn in the parent application in response to the restriction requirement, will be pending and under examination in present application.

Applicants have amended the specification to recite the divisional data for the subject application.

Applicants maintain that the amendments do not raise an issue of new matter and accordingly respectfully request that the amendments be entered.

As part of the telephone conversation of February 2, 2004 with reference to the parent application, the undersigned Applicant's representative noted several typographical and grammatical errors in need of correction. The Examiner agreed that correction was needed and suggested that, due to the repetitive and replete nature of the errors, an amendment be filed. The typographical and grammatical changes made in the present Preliminary Application are the same as those made in a 37 C.F.R. §1.312 Amendment in the parent application.

In one instance of the typographical and grammatical changes made, the word "veinal" has been substituted for each occurrence of the word "venal". The use of the word "venal" (which means open to bribery) is an obvious spelling error. The proper term is "veinal" (which means pertaining to veins). This change corrects an obvious spelling error and conforms the application with prior usage of the term "vein" such as on page 2, line 17 and the term "venous" such as on page 2, at line 20. The claims also reflect the above change.

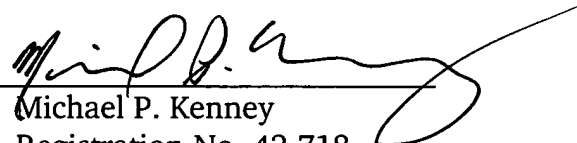
The Abstract has been amended to better summarize the contents of the application and to conform to 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b).

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